

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 11. (canceled)

12. (new) In combination with a press that outputs an elongated workpiece in a direction, a withdrawing device comprising:

a first guide extending in the direction;

a first carriage displaceable in the direction along the first guide;

first motor means for displacing the first carriage in the direction along the first guide;

a second guide extending in the direction on the first carriage;

a second carriage displaceable in the direction on the second guide, whereby the second carriage can move relative to the first carriage;

means for clamping the workpiece to the second carriage;

second motor means separate from the first motor means for displacing the second carriage on the second guide; and

control means connected to the first motor means and to the second motor means for shifting the second carriage in the direction at a speed independent of a speed of the first carriage while the first carriage is moving in the direction.

1           13. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 12  
2 wherein the second motor means includes a servomotor.

1           14. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 12  
2 wherein the second motor means includes a motor mounted on the  
3 first carriage and a transmission element connecting the motor to  
4 the second carriage.

1           15. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 12  
2 wherein the control means includes a sensor on at least one of the  
3 carriages.

1           16. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 15  
2 wherein the sensor is an accelerometer connected to the second  
3 carriage.

1           17. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 15  
2 wherein the sensor detects a position of the second carriage on the  
3 first carriage.

1           18. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 15  
2 wherein the sensor detects a traction force applied by the second  
3 carriage to the workpiece.

1                    19. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 15  
2 wherein the control means displaces the second carriage on the  
3 first carriage in accordance with an output of the sensor.

1                    20. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 12  
2 wherein the control means can vary a torque output of the second  
3 motor means.

1                    21. (new) The withdrawing device defined in claim 12  
2 wherein the first carriage has a mass equal to at least twice a  
3 mass of the second carriage.